

Minutes of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT** Committee held  
remotely on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm

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Present	Councillors	Alison Arthur Martyn Garrett Richard Jury Mia Lederman* Kay Moss David Neeves Gareth Owen-Williams Alan Penney Ron Reed* Greg Rose Colin Stocks	Vice – Chairman Chairman
Also present		Caroline Miles	Town Clerk

\*Denotes non attendance

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#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Ron Reed

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **MINUTES**

##### Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

- 9062 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairman.

The Chairman asked members to note that quotes for the EV rapid charging points are not currently available as site surveys have not been possible due to the Coronavirus lockdown. It is hoped that once backlog has ceased they will be provided at a future meeting.

A meeting of the Climate Change Policy Working Group took place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. At the meeting it was agreed that as a starting point quotes would be obtained for carrying out energy audits on CTC buildings. Plumpton College will also be contacted to ask if it would carry out an environmental audit on CTC's land management practices. Costs will also be obtained to assess the cost of replacing Council vehicles and equipment with environmentally friendly alternatives.

#### **STREET LIGHTING**

##### To note the Officer's report and agree any action

The Officer's report was noted.

- 9063 RESOLVED** to approve the work to be carried out on jobs 1 – 4 as noted in the report at a cost of £4511.61 and for the cost to be taken from code 801/4601.

Members were asked to note that enquiries had been made in the past as to the passing of street lighting to ESCC. Unfortunately, the cost was too prohibitive and made the action of doing so unviable.

It was reported to members that a street lighting column has been removed from Bryants Field. No fault on this light was reported by CTC nor WDC. Officer's are trying to ascertain who removed the light and under whose authority.

## **RANGERS REPORT**

### To note the officer's report and agree any action

Members noted the report and asked if the Ash trees being removed due to Ash die back are being replaced with other species. The ranger to report back to committee.

Members noted that fires in the county parks were being caused by BBQs and considered the erection of 'No BBQs' signs in car parks. It was agreed that further information would be obtained as to the number of BBQ's taking place before agreeing to this option.

Members noted that a wildflower area had been created at Herne Cemetery without the knowledge or approval of the SRC committee. Members requested that a report is submitted by the ranger to confirm that no other projects of this nature have been undertaken by either the ranger or the grounds staff team without committee approval.

The Eco – management plan for the Ghyll has commenced. The cost of the plan was £2350.00 with £1175.00 coming from the Ghyll budget 20/2021 (802/4402) and £1175.00 from EMR.

## **MINERALS AND WASTE CONSULTATION**

### To note the report on the consultation and agree any action

- 9064 RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Environment committee complete the consultation on behalf of the Environment committee.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### To note the finance report and agree any action

Members noted the finance report.

## **RAILWAY**

### To note the railway report.

Members were pleased to note that the work on the disabled access bridge at Crowborough railway station may be underway.

## **POLICY RENEWAL**

### To review the Tree Inspection Policy and agree any action/changes

- 9065 RESOLVED** to accept the Tree Inspection Policy with no amendments.

**URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING**

Members noted that the Mayor had received correspondence from Brendan Clegg of Crowborough Labour regarding a campaign for a 20mph speed limit in Crowborough. CTC had, in the past, put pressure on ESCC for a 20mph under the 20 is plenty campaign but had not been successful.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm.